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Sir:

AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as not showing every feature of the invention specific in the claims, and suggests that the "spacer block" having a first transverse wall extending between sidewalls at a first end of the block must be shown or the feature(s) cancelled from the claims(s). Applicants respectfully submit that no claim includes reference to a "spacer block" and therefore a drawing showing such a feature is not required.

Corrected drawings are submitted herewith. Reference signs have been added in Figures 4a-4d, 5a-5c, 6, 7a-7d, and 8a-8c and Figure 6 has been corrected to provide a figure designation for each of the three figures. Additionally, the reference sign indicators have been amended to